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FLIGHTLINE TOUR—Gen. Bruce K. Holloway (left), Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, talks with Col. Paul P. Douglas Jr., Commander, 41st Air Div., during a tour of Yokota AB. Accompanying Gen. Holloway on his orientation visit to the Far East is Lt. Gen. Robert G. Ruegg (center), Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics.

Air Force Secretary Comments On F-111 Testing Progress

Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown, citing progress of the F–111 tactical multipurpose fighter, said the aircraft is fulfilling the high expectations of its test and pilot training programs.

He also noted that development progress of the bomber version, FB–111, is "very satisfactory."

The secretary explained that all reports he has received from pilots flying the F–111A at Nellis AFB, Nev., have been very favorable. The aircraft is now being assigned to Nellis AFB for training purposes.

Secretary Brown said there is every indication that the FB–111 will fully meet its required performance, based on progress of the development program and on the flying results obtained from the F–111A version.

"A prototype of the FB–111 recently achieved a speed twice that of sound (Mach 2) on its very first flight," he said.

Secretary Brown pointed out that the FB–111 has certain specific advantages over the C thru F model B–52s which it is slated to replace. "It was on this basis," the secretary explained, "that the Air Force proposed such replacement to the Secretary of Defense in 1965."

DOCUMENTS DIVISION

DOD Directive Spells Out Firm Wiretapping Policy

A new Department of Defense directive (5200.4) establishes firm policies and stringent restrictions governing telephone wiretapping and eavesdropping by DOD law enforcement personnel.

The directive implements policy guidance from the Attorney General of the United States.

Wiretapping is defined as listening to or recording any telephone conversation without advance consent of all parties. Eavesdropping is listening to or recording any non-telephone conversation by electronic, mechanical or other means without advance consent of all parties.

Under the directive, wiretapping is prohibited except where one of the parties has given consent and there are reasonable grounds to believe:

- A criminal offense concerning the national security is involved.
- A felony has been or is about to be committed.
- Telephone calls involving obscenity, harassment, extortion, bribery, or threat of bodily harm have been made to a subscriber-user on a military base under the jurisdiction of DOD.

Eavesdropping is forbidden if listening to or recording a conversation involves a violation of the Constitution or a statute, whether or not it involves physical trespass or entry to areas protected by the rights of privacy. These areas include a home, private office, hotel room or automobile.

Privileged conversations, such as those between doctor and patient or lawyer and client, are not to be the subject of eavesdropping under any circumstances.

The directive points out that eavesdropping is permissible without consent of all parties only when there are reasonable grounds to believe a criminal offense concerning national security is involved or a felony has been or is about to be committed. This interception must have advance written approval of the Attorney General through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration).

In an emergency, the head of a DOD component may authorize eavesdropping but must provide a written explanation within 24 hours to the Attorney General and Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration).

Neither wiretapping nor eavesdropping can be authorized for more than 30 days, although in some cases there can be requests for extensions of 30 days.

Washington Memos

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Conference on Military Pay Procedures has authorized Navy and Air Force disbursing officers to give finance service to Army Survivor Assistance Officers for paying death gratuity to the spouse of a deceased Army member.

ARMED FORCES MANAGEMENT Association has named Lt. Gen. Leonard F. Chapman Jr., Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, its Merit Award winner. Award is presented annually for outstanding accomplishment in professional management. Gen. Chapman was chosen for his "outstanding contribution to the Marine Corps and the Armed Forces in promoting and implementing improved management techniques enhancing the efficiency of operations within the Corps."

FIRST ANTISUBMARINE warfare exercise held in Navy's new multi-million dollar Barking Sands Tactical Underwater Range off coast of Hawaii began Aug. 24. Range is designed to track and record positions of surface ships, submarines, weapons and aircraft simultaneously and will enable Navy's antisubmarine warfare forces to improve present submarine killing tactics while checking performance of weapons and torpedoes and aiding in development of experimental tactics.

CHANGE TO AR-614-60 cancels requirement that personnel who have dependents and who volunteer for overseas assignment must have served in U.S. for 18 months since last overseas assignment.

ARMY'S LARGEST Military Police Battalion, 716th MPs, received Army Meritorious Unit Commendation during ceremonies at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. Unit was cited last year by Navy for outstanding service.

FIRST AIR FORCE B-52 built at the Wichita Division of the Boeing Co. has returned for "a regular round of modernization" after completing 94 sorties in Southeast Asia. Aircraft 55-049 has been in the Strategic Air Command inventory for more than 11 years. It gained fame as one of eight B-52s in "Operation Quick Kick," the nonstop 17,000 mile flight over the North Pole. It will return to duty with SAC.

ARMY BRIG. GEN. Arthur Hurow has assumed command of Eastern Area, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Brooklyn, N.Y., relieving Brig. Gen. A. J. Montgomery, who retired July 30. Gen. Hurow came to his new post from duties as Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Transportation School.

NAVY IS ELIMINATING delay in starting allotments for the Savings Deposit Program by allowing Navymen and Marines to fill out the J Allotment request before going overseas. Sailors carry it with their pay record and Marines keep it with their service record book so it may be registered as soon as they report to a disbursing office overseas.

TWO MIG-17s downed over North Vietnam by 1st Lt. David B. Waldrop of 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Korat RTAFB, Thailand, brought confirmed Air Force MIG kills to 63. Col. Robin Olds leads Air Force MIG killers with four aircraft destroyed.

WORLD WAR II net tending ship USS Cohoes being activated for duty in Vietnam as a river salvage craft. Ship will be assigned to Pacific Fleet Service Force, Harbor Clearance Unit One, which is based in Subic Bay in the Philippines. Cohoes will support the Mekong Delta Afloat Force and the Game Warden and Market Time operations.

AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCK USS Dubuque has been commissioned at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va. The 570-foot ship will carry combat troops and operate transport helicopters and landing craft. Ship's crew will be 27 officers and 450 enlisted men.

MARINE CORPS' MOUNTAIN Warfare Training Center near Bridgeport, Calif., will be reduced to "caretaker status" Sept. 1, and will no longer provide complete logistical support for units using the cold weather training facility. Marine officials said it will not be fully-manned again until the end of hostilities in Vietnam. Until then, training groups using the Center will have to furnish their own support.

ARMY AMMUNITION Procurement and Supply Agency, Joliet, Ill., has awarded a $37.07 million modification to an existing contract to Sperry Rand Corp, N.Y., for manufacturing, assembling, loading and packing of large caliber projectiles. Work will be done at Army Ammunition Plant, Shreveport, La.

AIR FORCE 633rd Combat Support Group, Pleiku AB, Vietnam, has received 1966 Silver Anvil Award for outstanding performance in international relations from Public Relations Council of America. Group was cited for civil action work in support of local Montagnard tribes.

NAVY EXPECTS TO save half million dollars annually by building a Navy Exchange Service Center in San Diego. Service Center, first of its type, will reduce the cost of the exchange management by centralizing procurement, storage, inventory control, accounting, and contract and personnel administration.

NAVY SHIPS PARTS Control Center, Mechanicsburg, Pa., has awarded $33.9 million negotiated, fixed-price contract for Mark 82 bomb bodies to U.S. Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa. Work will be done at McKeesport, Pa.

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DOD Directive Change Gives More Details on Form 1580

The Department of Defense has published additional details on the issuance of DD Form 1580 for "Military Stand-by Authorization for Commercial Air Travel."

A change to DOD Instruction 1336.4 notes that the certifying officer of DD Form 1580 may be a commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, warrant officer or civilian employee. This authority is invested in individuals who may authorize official orders, passes, or liberty; or has been delegated authority to screen orders, leave, pass, or discharge papers to determine a member's status.

DD Form 1580 may be issued to members of the Armed Forces upon request and contingent upon official authorization to be absent from duty as the result of leave, delay enroute, pass or liberty, and discharge.

The term "discharge" as used to obtain Form 1580 includes members who have been "separated," a change to the instruction notes.

By having the form in his possession a serviceman qualifies for certain reduced fares and travel privileges prescribed in air carrier tariffs.

Issuance of DD Form 1580 does not substitute for official authorization for a member to be absent from duty. The instruction explains that air carriers have reserved the right to inspect leave, pass or furlough papers and identification of the member.

Before departing, the member will receive five or more certified copies of DD Form 1580. One copy is for the ticket issuing agency and one for each commercial flight on which the member intends to travel.

Army Commands in Vietnam Authorized To Approve Tour Extension Requests

Department of Army has authorized Army commands in Vietnam to approve requests for tour extensions in monthly increments up to 12 months.

With the authorization, Army officials established minimum periods before normal rotation for final action on extensions. These are: colonel, six months; lieutenant colonel through warrant officer, four months; E–5 and above (and lower pay grades in special categories and intelligence), three months, and E–4 and below, anytime during the normal tour.

Personnel completing a normal tour within six months of expiration of enlistment may extend for a minimum of one-half the period of service remaining, officials said.

They also said Department of Army will retain final approval in cases where personnel E–5 and above requesting extensions have received orders, when requests are submitted outside the time limits and when the extension would exceed total in-country time limits of 24 months for officers and warrant officers and 48 months for enlisted men.

IT WORKS LIKE THIS—RAdm. W. S. Guest, USN, Chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, watches as Astronaut Don Lind explains operation of the Lunar Module Simulator. RAdm. Guest toured the Manned Spacecraft Center as part of his trip to Houston to inspect the Naval Air Reserve Division there.

Defense Seeks Streamlining Of Military Personnel Laws

Department of Defense is asking Congress to amend and simplify existing military personnel laws (Title 10 U.S. Code) for better personnel administration.

A DOD witness testifying Aug. 23 before a House Armed Services Subcommittee, said the intent of the legislation (H.R. 8547) is to consolidate identical statutes, strike out archaic provisions and eliminate unjustified variations.

Most of the changes, the witness pointed out, involve statutes which have been in the books long before DOD's 1947 establishment.

Technicalities aside, the relief bill is important, the witness stressed, because its total effect will make it easier for DOD to work with personnel rules and procedures, thereby benefitting the individual serviceman.

Eight Atlantic Fleet Squadrons Named CNO Aviation Safety Award Winners

Eight squadrons from Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, have been named winners of the 1967 Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Awards.

The units were singled out for their exemplary contributions to aviation safety and accident prevention.

Atlantic Fleet winners were: Fighter Squadron 84 and Attack Squadron 65, Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va.; Airborne Early Warning Wing 12, Norfolk, Va.; Attack Squadrons 44 and 46, Cecil Field, Fla.; Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron 5 and Air Antisubmarine Squadron 32, Quonset Point, R.I., and Patrol Squadron 5, Jacksonville, Fla.

Design Study Contracts Let for 80-Knot Ship

Joint Surface Effect Ship Program Office (JSESPO) has awarded one contract and is negotiating two more for design studies of a surface effect ship capable of speeds in excess of 80 knots.

JSESPO was established by Navy and Department of Commerce in June 1966 to determine the feasibility of building and operating 4,000 to 5,000 ton surface effect ships which use pressurized air to support their weight.

The contractors are to submit their designs to JSESPO within five months. JSESPO officials say if the results are promising, a contract will be awarded for construction of a 100-ton experimental craft.

MAC Commercial Contracts Total $684.9 Million

A record $684.9 million was paid 23 U.S. commercial airlines during Fiscal Year 1967 to fly military passengers and cargo.

The payment by Military Airlift Command represented a 74 percent increase over the $394.2 million paid for commercial augmentation in FY66.

MAC negotiates airlift contracts with commercial airlines for the Department of Defense and manages the combined military-civilian airlift system.

AF Readies Largest Lens-Testing Device

Later this summer, Air Force scientists will be able to test all sizes of precision photographic lenses for accuracy and clarity by use of the world's largest optical collimator at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Housed in a new $5 million Optics Laboratory, the collimator will be suspended at the bottom of a 155-foot vertical vacuum chamber extending 70 feet below the ground.

Lens of the collimator is a large fused silica mirror 100 inches in diameter, 12 inches thick and weighing 9,000 pounds.

DROP ZONE CHECK—Face contorted by windblast, 1st Lt. William B. Drook, 82nd Airborne Div. jumpmaster, surveys the drop zone before leading his troops out of a C-119 "Flying Boxcar" from the 939th Tactical Airlift Group.

Air Force Compiles First Extensive Chart Of Far Side of Moon

The Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, St. Louis, has compiled the first extensive chart of the far side of the Moon, using photographs furnished by NASA.

The chart, for use by NASA, contains approximately 85 percent of the photographs provided by U.S. Lunar Orbiters I through IV, and the remainder based on photographs from Russia's Zond III spacecraft in July 1965.

By assembling available data acquired by the picture-taking spacecraft, the center's cartographers were able to chart more than 75 percent of the side of the Moon not visible from the Earth.

The new chart will see its first extensive use as a guide in assigning names to the craters, maria, rills and mountain ranges on the Moon.

Army Aviation School Expands Gunnery Training For Helicopter Pilots

The Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker, Ala., has expanded it's gunnery training program for helicopter gun pilots in an effort to provide Vietnam units with better qualified personnel.

Previously, officers learning to fly the UH–I "Iroquois" helicopter gun ship had only three hours of gunnery instruction, leaving the bulk of training to company commanders and seasoned gun ship pilots in Vietnam.

Because of the lack of previous gunnery training and the pressing duties assigned them in Vietnam, it often took four or five months before new personnel could be considered qualified gun pilots.

Reshuffling existing schedules, the Department of Tactics' Aviation Armament Division has expanded the gunnery training program from three hours to 12 days without extending the present 32 weeks of rotary wing instruction.

New Storm Detection Radar Operational At Delaware AFB

A new storm detection radar system that can detect the presence of almost any type storm within a radius of 200 miles is now operational at Dover AFB, Del.

It is the first operational version of the system, officially designated AN/FPS 77 Storm Detection Radar, and replaces a model that had a 60-mile radius.

A total of 86 sets of the new model are scheduled for operational installation by mid-1968—71 sets in the U.S. and 15 overseas.

AN/FPS 77 provides vertical extent and intensity of weather echoes so that the exact nature and potential danger of a storm can be forecast more accurately.

In addition, it provides three-dimensional interpretation of clouds, a new and vital aid to pilots and weathermen.

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